

## **AGENDA**

### **CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTICIANS**

Wednesday, December 8, 2010, at 9:00 AM  
Department of Public Health  
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford CT  
**Third Floor Conference Room**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

##### **I. MINUTES**

Review and approval of the minutes from August 11, 2010.

##### **II. OLD BUSINESS**

- Optical Shop Renewals – inclusion of licensee of record on renewal applications.
- Practical Examination – Contact Lens Problem solving

##### **III. Department of Public Health Updates**

- A. Investigations Update  
*Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH*
- B. Examination Update  
*Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst II*

##### **IV. Legal Office Business**

Presentation of Cease and Desist Consent Orders by *Joelle Newton Staff Attorney DPH*

- Chucky's – Norwich, CT
- Seven Eleven – East Hartford, CT
- Sunoco – New Britain, CT
- Sunoco – Middletown, CT
- Way Low Discount – Hartford, CT

##### **V. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURN**

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the board.

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians held a meeting on August 11, 2010, at the Department of Public Health, Capitol Avenue, Conference Room 470-A/B, Hartford, Connecticut.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Conlin, LO, Chairperson  
Loray Courchaine, Public Member  
Skip Rivard, LO

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Griffin, Practitioner Investigation Unit, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison  
Kathleen Boulware, RN, Practitioner Investigation Unit  
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Examination Analyst, DPH  
Alfreda Gaither, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, DPH  
Steve Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH

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Chairperson Linda Conlin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **MINUTES –May 12, 2010**

Loray Courchaine moved and Skip Rivard seconded a motion to waive the reading of the Minutes and accept them. The motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Status of Letter explaining whether or not a convicted felon can obtain an Optician's License.

Skip Rivard showed the DPH letter to the affected student in the ODD program at Middlesex Community College.

B. Optical Shop Renewals

Concern by the Board that the state renewal form does not require the name/signature of the L.O. in charge. Steve Carragher assured the Board that the information was included in the online permit but conceded that the next time the renewals go out that the L.O. information would be included.

C. Cosmetic Contact Lenses

Kathleen Boulware reported that 7 offending shops were visited and presented cease and desist orders. 6 out of the 7 signed and returned the orders, the 7<sup>th</sup> will be followed up with and charges pressed if necessary.

D. Reinstatement Updates

Paul Beckert – Kathleen Boulware found no proof that Beckert has completed the ethics course that was ordered. Whether or not he is working as an optician was also questioned. Kathleen will check into these matters.

Jeffery Panella – Deborah Brown reported to the Board that Panella's application for reinstatement has expired.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

### A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin reported that there are 2 cases involving L.O.s and 4 cases involving Optical Shops under investigation.

### B. Exam Updates

Deborah Brown reported the results of the June exams. 14 candidates out of 15 passed the Contact Lens exam and 12 out of 12 passed the Eyewear exam.

Dates for the fall 2010 exams will be determined after the fall semester begins at Middlesex Community College.

## **OLD BUSINESS Continued**

### E. Is an optical shop permit needed for a licensed optician employed by a physician?

Skip Rivard presented a draft letter to the Board for review. Revisions were made. Linda Conlin will sign the final letter and Jeffrey Kardys will send it to A.A.G. Henry Salton.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Skip Rivard made a motion and Loray Courchaine seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:10a.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Loray Courchaine  
Public Member  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Opticians